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1. WHILE PAYING A COURTESY CALL ON MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TZOUNIS HE TOOK A CALL FROM ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER AVEROFF WHO HAD JUST READ DEPARTMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT. AVEROFF WANTED TZOUNIS TO EXPRESS TO ME HIS "DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT" THAT STATEMENT HAD TAKEN NO ACCOUNT OF GOG SECURITY CONCERNS WHICH AVEROFF HAD RAISED WITH ME MARCH 31 (REFTEL A).

2. BEFORE THIS TZOUNIS HAD REFERRED TO QUESTIONS ALSO IN REFTEL A AS TO HOW WASHINGTON SEES THE RENEGOTIATION OF TURKISH DCA PROCEEDING (SHAPE, DURATION, FINANCING) AND HOW WE INTEND TO PROCEED WITH THE DCA FOR GREECE. IN LATTER CONNECTION I WAS ABLE TO DRAW UPON REFTEL B.

3. WHILE REFTEL B IS HELPFUL AS FAR AS IT GOES, WE ARE STILL UNABLE TO RESPOND TO CERTAIN SPECIFIC QUESTIONS  
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RAISED BY GOG AT AND SINCE MY INITIAL MEETING WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER. FOR EXAMPLE, PARA 4, PARA 6, PARA 8, PARA 11, AND PARA 12, OF REFTEL C. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE A REACTION TO PARA 13 OF REFTEL A.

4. I REALIZE IT MAY NOT PROVE POSSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE THE KIND OF REASSURANCE GREECE DESIRES -

OR EVEN PERHAPS ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS NOW - BUT I DID HOPE THAT CONSIDERATION WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO INCLUDING IN LAST NIGHT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THE REQUEST MENTIONED IN PARA 1 ABOVE. IT WOULD HAVE HELPED AT LEAST TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAY THAT IT WAS CONSIDERED BUT PROVED NOT POSSIBLE FOR WHATEVER REASON. FURTHER, I HAD HOPED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CALL ON AVEROFF WITH A RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST IN REFTEL D.

5. WE REMAIN PREPARED TO EXPLAIN, DEFEND AND ARGUE FOR OUR DECISION IN THE FACE OF A DISAGREEABLE LOCAL SITUATION. THE OMISSIONS NOTED IN EARLIER PARAGRAPHS AGGRAVATE AN EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED GOG WHICH HAS AN INTEREST IN MODERATING A MORE FEVERISH VOX POPULI AND POLITICAL OPPOSITION. EVEN A SMALL MATTER LIKE THE TIME AND PLACE OF OUR ANNOUNCEMENT HAS ADDED TO PROFESSED GOG BEWILDERMENT SINCE IT WAS TOLD THAT THE STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE BY THE WHITE HOUSE AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S RETURN.

6. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL PUBLIC STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT (EXCEPT FOR AVEROFF'S COMMENT TO THE NEW YORK TIMES, APRIL 2). I WAS REMINDED OF THIS TODAY BY TZOUNIS. WHAT IT WILL BE AWAITS THE ACTION OF CARAMANLIS, WHO IS NOW SCHEDULED TO RETURN APRIL 7. SHORTLY THEREAFTER I ANTICIPATE  
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BEING CALLED IN INASMUCH AS I HAVE YET TO PAY MY INITIAL CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER. IN VIEW OF THIS I WOULD ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AT THE LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH I AM STILL HOLDING. AN UPDATING OF IT IN LIGHT OF NEW CIRCUMSTANCES COULD PROVE AN ACT OF SELF-INTEREST.  
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